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Subsidy to Tanjore District Board for maintenance of elementary schools.

* 1094 *Q.*—SRI S. VENKATRAMA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state— 9 a.m.

(*a*) why grant of subsidy towards the maintenance of elementary schools under the compulsory scheme was denied to the Tanjore District Board; and

(*b*) whether a representation has been made to the Government by the Tanjore District Board in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The policy of the Government is to give subsidies to local bodies towards the cost of the Scheme of Compulsory Elementary Education, only in cases where there is need for aid from the Government judged from the financial position of the district board concerned. The Tanjore District Board has been having a surplus both in its Elementary Education Fund and its General Fund, and has all along been in a position to meet the cost of the scheme of compulsory education from its funds. The Government did not therefore give any subsidy to the district board towards the maintenance of elementary schools under the compulsion scheme.

" (*b*) Yes."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the system of extending elementary education in this State through the compulsory education scheme still in force, and if so, in how many districts is it in force? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" To the extent to which it was introduced, it is in force. But, further extension was kept in abeyance from 1949."

SRI S. VENKATRAMA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that the Tanjore District Board is deficit in the elementary education budget consecutively for the last three years? "

THE HON. DR. M. V KRISHNA RAO :—" The revised estimate for 1952–53 and the budget estimate for 1953–54 of the elementary education fund of the Tanjore District Board are expected to close with a surplus of Rs. 1,390 and with a deficit of Rs. 9,000 respectively."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" Has compulsory elementary education been introduced throughout any one of the districts in this State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the districts in which it is in force and why has it been kept in cold storage since 1949? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the decision to introduce basic education and with a view to review the whole position, it was suspended. Now, the scheme of extending elementary education, with a view to bringing in more children and to serve the purpose of compulsion ultimately, is being implemented."

[Question 1095 answered—vide page 1423 ante.]

Madanapalle Thermal Station.

* 1096 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when electricity will be supplied from the Madanapalle Thermal Station ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to extend the supply of electricity for agricultural purposes to the whole of Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Supply of electricity to Madanapalle Town has been given from 15th May 1953.

" (*b*) A scheme for supply of power to 24 villages in Vayalpad, Madanapalle and Chandragiri taluks is under the consideration of the Electricity department."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Will the Government increase the number of villages from 24, as lift irrigation is the only irrigation in Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks? "

THE HON. SRI N RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, supply of power is given on a commercial basis. If it is extended to villages, it should be profitable. Certain criteria are specified and if those criteria are satisfied, power will be supplied."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to erect thermal stations to facilitate lift irrigation in the famine-affected areas of Anantapur and Kurnool districts? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI B. SANKARIAH :—" ఈ థర్మల్ స్టేషన్లనుండి ఇప్పుడు వ్యవసాయానికి electricity సప్లై చేయడానికి అవకాశం ఉండి కూడా, ఆహార పరిస్థితి గడ్డుగా ఉండే సమయంలో ప్రభుత్వం ఎందుకు సప్లైచేయడం లేదు. నెల్లూరు థర్మల్ స్టేషన్లో చాలా electricity waste చేస్తున్నారు. అటువంటప్పుడు వ్యవసాయానికి electricity సప్లై చేయడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఇకముందైనా చర్య తీసుకొంటారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the Government have already been supplying power to agriculturists. But so far as last year is concerned, the Government have evolved a new policy that in respect of the rural extensions, unless the beneficiaries come forward with loans, new rural extensions should not be undertaken."